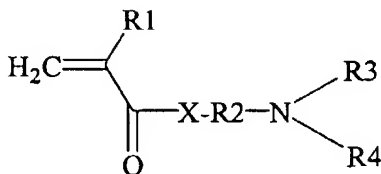


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): An antimicrobial polymer blend,  
characterized in that  
one or more antimicrobial polymers each obtainable by polymerizing a monomer of  
the formula I



where

R1 = -H or -CH<sub>3</sub>

R2 = branched or unbranched aliphatic hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to 5  
carbon atoms,

R3 = H, or branched or unbranched aliphatic hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to  
7 carbon atoms,

R4 = H, or branched or unbranched aliphatic hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to  
7 carbon atoms,

R5 = H, or branched or unbranched aliphatic hydrocarbon radical having from 1 to  
7 carbon atoms, and

X = O, NH, NR5

are mixed with at least one other polymer other than cellulose acetate butyrate and  
polyesters.

Claim 2 (Original): The antimicrobial polymer blend as claimed in claim 1,

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